

NEBRASKA 2007 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY**A. Purpose:**

The purpose of the Nebraska State Homeland Security Strategy (NSHSS) is to identify a strategic direction for enhancing the State of Nebraska's capability and capacity to detect, prevent against, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or incidents of terrorism, disasters, and major emergencies. This is an exceedingly complex mission that requires regional coordination, cooperation and focused effort from the entire State's citizens, local, tribal, state, and federal government, as well as the private and non-profit sectors.

This strategy incorporates the vision of The National Preparedness Goal and will enhance the introduction of several of the building blocks in support of the establishment of a State Preparedness System. The State Preparedness System can best be achieved through the application of a systems-based approach, utilizing capabilities based planning as a common, all-hazard, major events planning process. This will provide a mechanism for measuring preparedness and identifying future preparedness investments. The State Preparedness System is a system of systems. As stated in the National Preparedness Goal, a system is a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications integrated into a common organizational structure to achieve a mission or outcome. Many processes, programs, and capabilities already in place within State, local, tribal, and private sector homeland security programs and across disciplines will support the National Preparedness Goal. The State Preparedness System provides a way to enhance these existing resources by networking them together more effectively through the utilization of the National Planning Scenarios, Universal Task List (UTL), Target Capabilities List (TCL), and the seven National Priorities. The strategy will also build on the regionalization of equipment and resources and the interoperability of communication projects supported by previous Homeland Security Grants. These projects were identified as a result of the Nebraska assessment completed by local county jurisdictions in November 2003. The assessment included a comprehensive risk, capabilities, and needs assessment. The results of the assessment provided an insight into the requirements of the State.

The State of Nebraska will apply the resources available from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and The Center for Disease Control (CDC) to address unique planning, equipment, training, and exercising needs to assist in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent against, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or incidents of terrorism, natural disasters, and major emergencies.

B. Describe the state vision for the strategy

The State of Nebraska will reduce the vulnerability of people and communities of the state to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from terrorism, natural

disasters, and major emergencies, authorize and provide for cooperation and coordination of activities relating to mitigation of, protection of, prevention of, preparedness for and response to terrorism, natural disasters, and major emergencies by agencies and officers of this state and its political subdivisions and similar state, local, tribal, interstate, federal-state and foreign activities in which the state and its political subdivisions may participate; and assist in mitigation and prevention of terrorism, natural disasters, and major emergencies.

C. Describe the focus for the state.

Enhance capabilities through a regional comprehensive, progressive planning, exercise, and training (PET) program and implement the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

Continue to develop, implement, and improve local, regional, and state-wide interoperable communication systems.

Maintain an emphasis on an Incident Command System (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as per the Governor's executive order #0502 of March 4, 2005.

Implement the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) and the State Preparedness System to allocate and prioritize regional resources that allow local, county, and state jurisdictions to protect first responders and save lives until additional mutual aid, state, or federal aid arrives.

Enhance capabilities to prevent against, protect against, respond to and recover from a terrorism event, natural disaster, or major emergency.

D. Coordination

Describe the organization at the state level for strategy development and approval, the process used to complete the strategy, and decision-making authority.

The Governor established the Homeland Security Policy Group in 2001, with the Lieutenant Governor as the State Homeland Security Director. The Homeland Security Policy Group then established the Homeland Security Leadership Group, which established the Exercise, Training and Planning Teams. In 2005 the Lieutenant Governor, as the State Homeland Security Director, along with the Homeland Security Policy Group replaced the Homeland Security Leadership Group, with the Homeland Security Senior Advisory Group with representatives from State agencies, local jurisdictions, Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and the Citizen Corp Coordinator as per the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Guidance. When the Nebraska assessment and strategy effort was initiated, the Governor designated the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) as the State Administering Agency (SAA) for the State Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy program (SHSAS). The SAA then tasked the Nebraska Homeland Security Planning Team as the working group responsible for

making recommendations regarding the strategy preparation phase for program goals, objectives, and implementation plans. Once those suggestions for completion were made they were presented to the SAA and the Policy Group for review before going to the Governor's office for final approval.

E. Effort

The Nebraska Homeland Security Planning Team is a multidisciplinary committee developed in order to help guide the strategy development process for grant allocation funding for distribution among emergency responders in the state. This group includes representatives from Law Enforcement, EMS, Emergency Management, Fire Service, HazMat, Public Works, Governmental Administrative, Public Safety Communications, Health Care, Agriculture, University System and Public Health. When the workgroup was tasked it was clear each discipline represented would have to focus on state needs in order to strengthen current capabilities. Each discipline served as a subject matter expert in their area of expertise and provided input on what specific equipment, training and exercise needs would exist based on Nebraska planning factors for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) scenarios.

The Governor has determined that designated state agencies and all jurisdictions participating in the Homeland Security process will adopt a program of progressive comprehensive planning, exercising and training to ensure an integrated and coordinated response capability.

To ensure this process, several objectives listed in this Strategy are mandatory prerequisites for participation in the grant process. The mandatory objectives are A.1, A.2, A.3, A.4, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6, and C.1. To participate in the grant process each designated state agency and all jurisdictions will demonstrate they have completed these objectives or that they will complete them as part of this grant process. Funds obligated to them will not be reimbursed until they have demonstrated the completion of these objectives. Successful completion by designated state agencies and jurisdictions of the mandatory objectives will include a current Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and the submission of regional 5-year training and exercise calendar.

F. Description of Jurisdictions

There are 93 counties that comprise the State of Nebraska. The Governor of the State of Nebraska, through the Homeland Security Policy Group, designated each county as a jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction performed an individual assessment that developed their capabilities and needs at the jurisdiction level. The County Emergency Manager was designated point of contact for each local jurisdiction with responsibility to include all first responders in the assessment process. The inclusion of the Indian Tribes was incorporated into the local jurisdictions in which they reside for integration into the process.

G. Regionalization and Mutual Aid

The Nebraska Emergency Management Act of 1996 states, It shall be a sufficient reason for the Governor to require an inter-jurisdictional emergency management agreement or arrangement pursuant to section 81-829.47 of the Nebraska Emergency Management Act if the area and local governments involved have available equipment, supplies, and forces necessary to provide mutual aid on a regional basis. A key aspect of Nebraska's strategy since 1999 has been to develop State Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) Emergency Response Teams in selected jurisdictions with CBRNE capabilities to become a state resource for CBRNE response. There are 11 MOU jurisdictions geographically located across the State 10 with CBRNE response capabilities and 1 tasked with regional PET deliverables. In addition there is 1 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) consisting of 3 counties surrounding the core City of Omaha and 1 Federal Urban Search and Rescue Team located in Lincoln. These jurisdictions and the UASI have been identified as priority jurisdictions for past and future Homeland Security Grants with an emphasis on regional PET and CBRNE response capability.

In addition to the PET and CBRNE MOU jurisdictions, we had identified 13 interoperable communications regions but in 2006 redefined some areas of common interest and now recognize 8 communications regions with the inclusion of the Omaha area UASI for the entire State. These regions were developed in cooperation with the Nebraska Division of Communications. Common use frequencies based on current mutual aid agreements, geographical distribution of the communities with common threats and capabilities and the ability to leverage existing financial resources were the criteria for this regionalization. Prior to receiving Homeland Security Grant funding each communication region had to develop a communications plan for approval by the Nebraska Division of Communications. The State of Nebraska plans to utilize the 8 interoperable communication regions or areas of common interest to conduct risk based assessments utilizing the Universal Task List/Target Capabilities List and the National Planning Scenarios to identify gaps in capabilities, update local and State emergency operation plans, exercise the plans based upon risk and threats faced, identify regional needs and a strategy to meet those needs, and implement the National Preparedness Goal and State Preparedness System on a regional basis to support the National Response Plan and the Department of Homeland Security.

Interstate response activities at the local level are accomplished by response organization, city and village governments, and county governments maintaining active mutual aid agreements that cross state boundaries and the state to state assistance is accomplished through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

Fusion Center

In support of the National Priority, emphasizing terrorism information sharing, the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) supported by the SAA has been very successful in its previous Homeland Security initiatives by identifying, combining and/or enhancing existing resources. Creating a second information gathering and dissemination point is not the best use of the tax payers dollars and would add an unnecessary, redundant layer in the information sharing arena that is in operation today.

The following resources are currently available and used for information fusion between and among state, local, federal, and interstate partners in law enforcement and terrorism prevention.

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Information Network System (NeLEIS) is an automated information gathering / research / dissemination tool developed by the NSP and the Nebraska Crime Commission in 1997. The original concept was designed for the submission and dissemination of information directly related to narcotics distribution. The original concept of this information sharing system has been expanded over the years to include all criminal information and potential terrorist activities. This system also taps information sources from the following agencies Lincoln Police Department (LPD), Omaha Police Department (OPD), Norfolk Police Department, Grand Island Police Department, NSP, and the federal agencies DEA, Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (MHIDTA) and the FBI. The system also accesses the Nebraska NCJIS data source. This system offers secure e-mail and secure instant messaging for authorized users. The NeLEIS was designed with an automated deconfliction component built into it. This insures that when a user accesses information the submitter of that information is notified. This facilitates communication between the two agencies.

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (NeLEIN) is a communications network that specially trained local and state law enforcement officers use to gather, submit, and share information related to criminal activity across the state. NeLEIN is a primary network used by the NSP as well as several local, county, state and Federal law enforcement agencies and are members of the MHIDTA.

The Regional Information Sharing System (RISS) is a nation wide intelligence gathering and dissemination system developed in the mid 80's to facilitate the exchange of criminal intelligence information across the United States. Nebraska is an active member of the RISS net through participation in our regional clearing house, the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC). During 1999, RISS began expansion of RISSNET to electronically connect state and federal law enforcement agency systems as nodes to provide additional resources to all users. As of May 2005, 17 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, 18 state agencies, and 12 other federal and regional systems have an established node connection to RISSNET.

In September 2002, the FBI Law Enforcement On-line (LEO) system interconnected with RISS. In October 2003, the RISS/LEO interconnection was recommended in the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan as the initial sensitive but unclassified communications backbone for implementation of a nationwide criminal intelligence sharing capability. The Plan encourages agencies to connect their system to RISS/LEO.

In April 2003, RISS expanded its services and implemented the Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange, now called the Automated Trusted Information Exchange (ATIX), to provide additional users with access to homeland security, disaster, and terrorist-

threat information. RISS member agencies as well as executives and officials from other first-responder agencies and critical infrastructure entities can access ATIX.

The NSP also uses an analytical software package that allows law enforcement agencies to analyze and chart criminal activities and associations.

Both the SAA and NSP are challenged by the lack of personnel and fiscal support needed to meet the continued expansion and intelligence integration. We must address the following to better leverage and enhance our existing resources by:

- Building in a non-law law enforcement information submission component that could be accessed by both law enforcement and non-law enforcement agencies.
- Integrating selected data provided through the HLS briefing reports from the State HLS Directors office.
- Building upon the existing relationships between State Agencies to input critical asset specific information from sources such as the Departments of Agriculture, Health, Environmental Quality, Banking, NDOR and NEMA.
- Enhance and expand the states analytical capabilities.
- Build on and expand the current dissemination criteria to include our non-law enforcement HLS partners.
- Build a HLS training component for the NeLEIN and non-law enforcement participants.
- Utilize the existing (NSP) facility for receipt, analysis and dissemination of information.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

GOAL A: (RESPONSE) Emergency Operations Plans will be used as the basis for planning, training, and exercise activities at the State and Local Levels.

Planning

Objective A.1

State agencies will use the State Emergency Operations Plan to formulate a comprehensive and progressive planning, training and exercise program. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps A.1.a

Maintain a Homeland Security Planning Team.

Conduct a SEOP orientation for the Homeland Security Senior Advisory Group in May of each year.

Make necessary updates and submit to the Homeland Security Policy Group.

SEOP update completed in July of each year.

Complete a full revision of the SEOP every 5 years.

Objective A.2

Local jurisdictions will use their Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) to formulate a comprehensive and progressive planning, training and exercise program. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps A.2.a

Establish a local LEOP review group.

Conduct a LEOP orientation two months before the born-on date for the LEOP.

Make necessary annual updates and submit to NEMA.

Annual update complete on the born-on date for the LEOP.

Complete a full revision of the LEOP every 5 years.

Training

Objective A.3

Emergency Operation Plans will be used to identify training needs in the jurisdiction. On going January 2010.

Implementation Steps A.3.a

Identify training needed to fulfill operational requirements.

Identify training resources to satisfy needs.

Schedule training.

Maintain records of training received.

Objective A.4

Exercises will test plans, policies, and procedures included in the Local Emergency Operations Plan. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps A.4.a

Set exercise objectives based on LEOP.

Conduct exercise to test objectives.

Evaluate achievement of exercise objectives.

GOAL B: (RESPONSES) All partners in the Homeland Security Process will have a regional comprehensive, progressive planning, exercise and training program in place.

Planning

Objective B.1

State agencies and local jurisdictions involved in the Homeland Security Process will develop regional Five (5) Year Comprehensive, Progressive Planning, Exercise and Training Plan to include all Planning, Exercise and Training events being planned for that period by January, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Implementation Steps B.1.a

State agencies and local jurisdictions will develop a regional 5 year plan for planning, exercise, and training (PET) activities.

Review and update the regional 5 year plan annually.

Develop Seminars, Tabletops, Drills, Workshops, Functional, and Full Scale exercises.

Organization

Objective B.2

State agencies and local jurisdictions will maintain an active Regional Exercise Planning Team that is representative of the entire region to include MOU Cities and local response organizations. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps B.2.a

Agencies and local jurisdictions will participate in the development of a regional, multi-disciplinary exercise planning team.

Committee members will be charged with the task of creating a regional five year comprehensive, progressive PET plan.

Equipment

Objective B.3

State agencies and local jurisdictions will use the state assessment to identify regional equipment needs associated with the regional PET process. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps B.3.a

Conduct an inventory of existing equipment in conjunction with the annual plan review.

Determine additional regional equipment and capability needs based on risk, threat assessments and lessons learned from the regional PET process.

Prioritize regional distribution of equipment related to high priority risks and vulnerabilities.

Exercise

Objective B.4

State agencies and local jurisdictions will demonstrate the capability of their regional exercise planning team to design, develop, conduct and evaluate exercises identified in the Regional Five Year Comprehensive, Progressive PET Plan. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps B.4.a

Each regional exercise planning team will produce a series of comprehensive, progressive PET programs related to the vulnerabilities identified in their regional assessments.

Develop and implement a schedule for planned regional exercises.

The regional exercise planning team will design, develop and conduct a PET event at least quarterly.

Objective B.5

State agencies and local jurisdictions will evaluate all major exercises according to the standards identified in the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps B.5.a

Agencies and local jurisdictions will test exercise scenarios based on Exercise Evaluation Guides (EEG) set in place by the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program.

Agencies and local jurisdictions will complete and present an After Action Report (AAR) the next day for each exercise to include follow-up activities.

Objective B.6

State agencies and local jurisdictions will demonstrate the ability to report all exercises using the Nebraska Emergency Management Exercise Reporting System (NEMERS) format. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps B.6.a

State agencies and local jurisdictions will use the provided NEMERS form in documenting all exercise and training events throughout the regional 5 year PET schedules.

GOAL C: (RESPONSE) State agencies and local jurisdictions involved in the Homeland Security Process will have a comprehensive training program to support the regional exercise and planning process.

Planning

Objective C.1

Each agency or jurisdiction will use the Office of Grants and Training (G&T) Program as the basis for individual and collective homeland security training. This training will be coordinated through NEMA. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps C.1.a

Agencies and local jurisdictions will conduct an annual regional training needs assessment based on the G&T.

Submit regional request for ODP assisted training to NEMA training coordinator.

Equipment

Objective C.2

State agencies and local jurisdictions will use the state assessment to identify regional equipment needs in the training process. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps C.2.a

Prioritize regional equipment needs, including equipment needs for continuity of operations and disaster recovery of IT, based on assessment tool.

Identify funding sources.

Make requests based on regional prioritized equipment list.

Training

Objective C.3

Two persons from each agency or jurisdiction will attend and complete the Nebraska Exercise Development Course within the first five years of becoming partners in the State Homeland Security Process. Completion of HSEEP Course and Exercise Planning Course are prerequisites for the Exercise Development Course. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps C.3.a

Maintain records of those personnel who have completed the Nebraska Exercise Development Course.

Objective C.4

Two persons from each agency or jurisdiction will attend the Nebraska Emergency Management Basic Academy and become Basic Certified Emergency Management Professionals. Mar. of 2008, 2009, 2010 and Aug. 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Implementation Steps C.4.a

Maintain records of those personnel who have completed the Nebraska Emergency Management Basic Academy.

Objective C.5

State agencies and local jurisdictions will have personnel trained in the Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS), within the first three years of membership in the State Homeland Security Process. Mar. of 2008, 2009, and 2010 and Aug. 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Implementation Steps C.5.a

Agencies and local jurisdictions will maintain records of those personnel who have attended and successfully completed the NIMS, HazMat Awareness, and Exercise Planning and Evaluation courses.

GOAL D: (RESPONSE/RECOVERY) Develop and implement a statewide interoperable Public Safety Wireless Communications capability.

Planning

OBJECTIVE D.1

Cooperate with the inter-local agency and regional planning and assessment process to develop a statewide interoperable safety communications system and integrate into the State emergency plan. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS D.1.a

Assist local jurisdictions in assessing essential services requiring interoperability.

Utilize the Homeland Security Planning Team in prioritizing essential services requiring interoperability. Cooperate and support local jurisdictions in the development of local plans to achieve interoperability of systems.

Identify and prioritize funding streams for local system integration.

Work with local jurisdictions and the State Division of Communications on the implementation plan for system integration. Work with Statewide Interoperable Communications Committee where appropriate to advance interoperable communications at the state, regional, and local levels.

Organization

OBJECTIVE D.2

Enhance existing interoperable communications methods within selected jurisdictions to develop and improve interoperable public safety wireless communications systems as directed by the Regional Interoperability Advisory Board and supported by the Office of the Chief Information Officer. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS D.2.a

Assess specialized equipment needed to enhance and integrate existing radio systems into the statewide mutual aid frequency system.

Secure legislation from the Nebraska State Legislature for funding and implementation requirements for the statewide communications plan.

Determine and prioritize equipment needs by jurisdictions required to increase interoperable capabilities for the statewide mutual aid frequency system.

Develop and write the state communications plan that incorporates SAFECOM requirements.

Allocate equipment resources to local jurisdictions based upon a regional needs assessment reviewed by the Homeland Security Planning Team and the Homeland Security Senior Advisory Group, and approved by the Homeland Security Policy Group and the Governor. Completion date October, 2007

OBJECTIVE D.3

Include GIS systems in the design and implementation of proposed Statewide Interoperable Communication Systems. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS D.3.a

Identify the functional requirements of proposed Interoperable Communication Systems.

Integrate GIS capabilities into the proposed system.

OBJECTIVE D.4

Training resources and organizations are made available to develop, enhance, and improve interoperable public safety wireless communications systems. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS D.4.a

Prioritize training shortfalls identified during the jurisdiction assessments and regional PET process.

Identify training needs by discipline in order of priority

Provide interoperable radio communications training to local jurisdictions pertaining to the development, enhancement, and improvement of the statewide interoperable public safety wireless communications system.

Training

OBJECTIVE D.5

Incorporate required and planned exercises in the operation of multi-jurisdictional or regional emergency responses. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS D.5.a

Assess currently planned exercises for each jurisdiction to ensure a public safety wireless system operations are included

Ensure that public safety wireless system operations are included during the design and planning phase of required regional exercises.

GOAL E: (RESPONSE) Enhance designated State MOU Emergency Response Teams to respond to the consequences of a CBRNE/WMD incident where local or regional resources are not available, or are inadequate.

Planning

OBJECTIVE E.1

Identify Local jurisdictions with existing capabilities and willingness to contribute to a regional or state response. Jan. 2008

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS E.1.a

capabilities SAA will review existing state jurisdiction CBRNE/WMD response

SAA will integrate selected jurisdictions into the State MOU Emergency Response Team program.

Equipment

OBJECTIVE E.2

Enhance organization, equipment, storage requirements, and transportation requirements for Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) jurisdictions. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS E.2.a

Complete in September of each year:

MOUs to determine equipment needs

MOUs to detail storage locations

MOUs to detail storage requirements

MOUs to detail transportation requirements

MOUs to determine teams POCs responsible for up-keep of these locations, equipment, and transportation resources

OBJECTIVE E.3

Enhance organization, equipment, storage requirements, and transportation requirements for State Emergency Response Teams (SERT). On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS E.3.a

Complete in September of each year

SERT to determine equipment needs

SERT to detail storage locations

SERT to detail storage requirements

SERT to detail transportation requirements

SERT to determine teams POCs responsible for up-keep of these locations, equipment, and transportation resources

GOAL F: (PREVENTION) Increase jurisdiction participation with multi-level intelligence components/agencies to deter/prevent WMD/Terrorism incidents.

Planning

OBJECTIVE F.1

Coordinate intelligence efforts pertaining to the dissemination of information to all jurisdictions. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS F.1.a

Assess existing intelligence efforts within the state to include public/private partnerships to improve the dissemination and exchange of intelligence information.

Encourage the participation of local jurisdictions in State and federal task force operations.

Encourage local jurisdictions and private entities to adopt the use of Regional Information Sharing System/Anti Terrorism Information Exchange (RISS/ATIX) as the infrastructure to exchange intelligence information.

Improve the analysis of intelligence data at the local and State level for dissemination to the Department of Homeland Security Operations Center.

Equipment

OBJECTIVE F.2

Coordinate the systems upgrade for storage and security of intelligence information currently residing on the Nebraska Law Enforcement Information System (NeLEIS) network to conform to RISS/ATIX protocol. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS F.2.a

Annually assess system infrastructure to facilitate the integration and exchange of intelligence data bases capabilities

Increase capabilities with additional analytical software applications to assist in identification, mapping, and dissemination of intelligence information compatible with Department of Homeland Security Operation Center protocol

OBJECTIVE F.3

Support efforts to improve the data collection capability utilized by participants of the LEIN program and NeLEIS network. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS F.3.a

Annually assess and improve data collection software utilized by NeLEIS

Upgrade existing data entry and storage terminals currently residing in the NeLEIS network.

Training

OBJECTIVE F.4

The Nebraska State Patrol will continue to coordinate training and participation in the Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN). On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS F.4.a

Continue to recruit and train local law enforcement officials for participation in the LEIN program.

Develop a process to educate private entities regarding intelligence infrastructure in the State of Nebraska.

The Nebraska State Patrol will continue to coordinate an annual LEIN training and exercise program for participating agencies.

GOAL G: (PREVENTION/RESPONSE/RECOVERY) Enhance capabilities to detect, identify, verify, respond to, and recover from a health related terrorism incident.

Planning

OBJECTIVE G.1

Conduct an annual review of ESF-8, Health and Medical Services and the State Public Health Emergency Response Plan. July 2008, 2009, and 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.1.a

Examine AAR/IP from exercises conducted and event response during the previous year.

Incorporate any relevant recommendations into the SEOP or corresponding policies and procedures. On going July 2010

Incorporate mass prophylaxis and medical surge information in ESF-8 of the State Emergency Operations Plan. On going July 2010

OBJECTIVE G.2

Conduct a bi-annual review of Local Public Health Emergency Response Plans. July and Jan. 2008, 2009, and 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.2.a

Examine AAR/IP from exercises conducted at the state, local, and regional level during the previous year.

Incorporate any relevant recommendations into the Local Public Health Emergency Response Plan Template or corresponding policies and procedures.

Assure that mass prophylaxis and medical surge capabilities are incorporated into Public Health Emergency Response Plans.

Organization

OBJECTIVE G.3

Annually review State and Local Public Health Emergency Response Plans. July 2008, 2009, and 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.3.a

Identify State and local public health response plans that require review by NHHSS.

Provide annual orientation to appropriate NHHSS staff on the SEOP and State and Local Public Health Emergency Response Plans.

OBJECTIVE G.4

Support the state task force in the development and delivery of annual training and exercise plan for the State and Local Health and Medical Services. On going July, 2010

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.4.a

Identify local representation to be included in the already existing HHSS Exercise Planning Committee.

Maintain a bi-annual training calendar for NHHSS and local public health staff.

Equipment

OBJECTIVE G.5

Identify equipment needs at the State, regional, and local levels for prevention, protection, response to and recovery from a public health and medical consequences of an event of national significance. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.5.a

Identify a task force to review special equipment needs for hospitals, local health departments and NHHSS.

Base equipment needs on the approved version of the vulnerability assessment.

Prioritize equipment needs in order to assure state, regional, and local ability to respond to surges in patient care and mass prophylaxis.

Identify funding sources.

Make requests based on prioritized equipment list.

Training

OBJECTIVE G.6

Increase the skills of EMS, Public Health, Medical Care and Behavioral Health providers in responding to a CBRNE/WMD incident. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.6.a

Utilize the NHHSS Exercise Planning Committee to review training needs for local health departments and NHHSS.

Prioritize training needs.

Identify funding sources.

Make requests based on the prioritized list.

Exercise

OBJECTIVE G.7

Utilize the NEMA exercise planning committee and the NHHSS Exercise Planning Committee to create, implement, and incorporate exercises for regional and local public health agencies, hospitals, EMS, and behavioral health providers. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS G.7.a

Identify exercise needs based upon the AAR/IP of local, regional, and state exercises and/or event response.

Identify additional exercise needs based upon the threat and vulnerability assessments conducted regionally for the Nebraska Homeland Security Policy Group. On going July 2010.

Provide exercise opportunities for medical surge and mass prophylaxis at the state, regional, and local levels.

Create a regional five-year comprehensive, progressive planning, exercise and training plan.

Involve regional and local public health agencies, hospitals, EMS and mental health providers in the implementation of exercises.

GOAL H: (PREVENTION) Improve the state's ability, at the regional and county level, to recognize, detect, identify, respond to, and recover from an agricultural terrorism incident.

Planning

OBJECTIVE H.1

Conduct Annual Review of Agriculture Response Plan. July 2008, 2009, and 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.1.a

Conduct a review of the Agricultural Response Plan by the Plan Review Committee within the Department of Agriculture and NEMA. May 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Make necessary revisions to the Agricultural Response Plan. June 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Submit Agriculture Response Plan to NEMA for inclusion in SEOP. July 2008, 2009, and 2010.

OBJECTIVE H.2

Increase the capability of local officials to plan for agricultural and food events. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.2.a

Maintain curriculum for delivery to county officials and responders.

Schedule delivery of training to local officials and responders.

Organization

OBJECTIVE H.3

Maintain and task a review committee to oversee the curriculum and delivery. On going July, 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.3.a

Sustain review committee members to include NDA and contracted staff.

Task committee members

Maintain contact between the committee and NDA throughout the process.

OBJECTIVE H.4

Maintain and task the review committee to identify equipment needs for response to agricultural events. On going July, 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.4.a

Sustain review committee members to include NDA staff.

Task committee members

Maintain contact between the committee and NDA throughout the process.

Equipment

OBJECTIVE H.5

Identify equipment needs, at the state, regional, and local level for identification and response to an agricultural incident. On going July 2010.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS H.5.a

Identify a team to review equipment needs annually within the state agencies.

Base equipment needs on the vulnerability and present regional capabilities assessment.

Prioritize regional equipment needs.

Identify funding sources.

Make requests based on prioritized regional equipment list.

Develop and maintain, at the local level, mutual aid agreements and private entity contracts to maximize efficient use of resources.

Exercise

Objective H.6

Maintain a comprehensive, progressive planning, exercise, and training program for Statewide Agroterrorism Response. On going July. 2010.

Implementation Steps H.6.a

Maintain a list of members for the Livestock Emergency Disease Response System (LEDERS).

Maintain a 5 year PET calendar.

Annually exercise LEDERS using the HSEEP process.

GOAL I: (RESPONSE) Focus resources to identify critical infrastructure to support response goals.

Planning

Objective I.1

Develop a GIS database of key infrastructure and assets in the State. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps I.1.a

Continue project coordination of State GIS activities through Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technology (CALMIT) and State GIS Steering Committee

Complete and integrate functional requirements for the Nebraska State Patrol Computer Aided Dispatch Project

Objective I.2

The Department of Administrative Services will work with state agencies to develop physical facility relocation plans in the event a facility is destroyed or unusable. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps I.2.a

Develop a Continuity of Operations Plan with designated State agencies.

Distribute Continuity of Operations Plan as a model to other State agencies.

GOAL J: Improve the State's ability to recognize, detect, identify, respond to and recover from a terrorism incident by public service responders and local jurisdiction public and private entities.

Planning

Objective J.1

Agencies and organizations will review and revise their portions of the LEOP/SEOP annually. SEOP July 2008, 2009, and 2010. LEOP On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps J.1.a

NEMA will coordinate and conduct reviews and revisions of the SEOP with the appropriate agencies through the Homeland Security Planning Team. On going Mar 2010

Implementation Steps J.1.b

The local Emergency Manager will coordinate, conduct and submit revisions to their LEOPs to NEMA annually. On going July 2010.

Objective J.2

Agencies and organizations will participate in the complete rewrite of the LEOP/SEOP as scheduled by NEMA. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps J.2.a

Local Emergency Managers will coordinate and conduct meeting to support plan rewrites

Implementation Steps J.2.b

NEMA will monitor County LEOP rewrite schedule.

Organization

Objective J.3

Develop Citizen Corps Councils to educate the public and provide volunteer services under the Citizen Corps core programs. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps J.3.a

Through the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, develop and send out a grant application to develop and maintain Citizen Corps Councils and identify projects within the core programs the jurisdiction would like to accomplish.

Implementation Steps J.3.b

Local jurisdictions will submit their grant applications identifying the Citizen Corps activities to be undertaken within the local community in support of the program.

Implementation Steps J.3.c

The Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission will award and monitor the grants in support of the State Homeland Security Strategy.

Implementation Steps J.3.d

Local Emergency Managers will aid local Citizen Corps Councils to assess regional PET needs to support citizen participation in core Citizen Corps missions.

Equipment

Objective J.4

Responder agencies and organizations will assess their equipment needs based on duties and responsibilities identified in the Local and State Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP/SEOP) and in support of State Strategy Goals and Objectives. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps J.4.a

Local Citizen Corps Councils will assess and request equipment needed to carry out core Citizen Corps activities

Implementation Steps J.4.b

Agencies and organizations will identify and request the equipment needed to accomplish projects that support the State Strategy, and meet the need to respond to threats and/or mitigate the vulnerabilities identified in the jurisdiction's local assessment

Implementation Steps J.4.c

The local Homeland Security Point of Contact will complete and submit the grant application using project information from agencies and organizations, to SAA

Implementation Steps J.4.d

Agencies, organizations and the local POC will monitor and report to SAA the progress in completing the projects awarded to the county at the time and in the format included in the award package.

Objective J.5

Conduct agency training needs assessment in accordance with the G&T training program. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps J.5.a

Identify training necessary to successfully complete responsibilities identified in the LEOP/SEOP.

Implementation Steps J.5.b

Identify and take training necessary to correctly utilize and maintain equipment obtained under the grant programs

Exercise

Objective J.6

Design, conduct, evaluate and follow-up on agency, jurisdictional, and multi-jurisdictional exercises. On going July 2010.

Implementation Steps J.6.a

Participate in the design, conduct, evaluation and follow-up of jurisdictional and multi-jurisdictional exercises

Implementation Steps J.6.b

Track the progress of response capabilities through the process of planning, training and exercising to meet the objectives of the agency or organization.